

Appl. No. 10/588,708  
Amdt. Dated August 20, 2009  
Reply to Final Office Action of June 22, 2009

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0052  
Customer No.: 26021

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Toshiaki SASAKI, et al.  
Serial No: 10/588,708  
Confirmation No.: 2456  
Filed: August 9, 2006  
For: SUBSTRATE FOR THIN-FILM  
SOLAR CELL, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND  
THIN-FILM SOLAR CELL  
EMPLOYING IT

Art Unit: 1795  
Examiner: Shannon M.  
Gardner

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY  
EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated June 22, 2009 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-11. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1.  A 1-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is enclosed with the proper fee.
2.  A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. The application is on behalf of
  - a small entity  
Applicants claims small entity status.
  - other than a small entity.

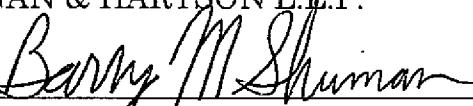
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Fee  \$270       \$540

- enclosed.
- not required (fee paid in prior appeal).
- charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1314 if any additional fees are required.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: October 21, 2009

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